(ii) Presently Food Corporation of India (FCI) is releasing wheat under Open Market Sales Scheme (Domestic) (OMSS) (D) @ Rs, 900/- per quintal through out the country. FCI has also been authorised on 11.7.2000 to undertake open sale of wheat for Punjab region @ Rs. 700/- per quintal *during* July, 2000 and @ Rs. 750/- and Rs. 800/- per quintal during the months of August, 2000 and September, 2000 respectively.

(iii) The Government has offered to South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and other countries to give commodity loan of wheat and also to enter into barter trade of wheat with those countries who can give commodities, in exchange.

(iv) Food Corporation of India is also liquidating imported Canadian Red Wheat, rice procured under relaxed specifications (URS) during 1997-98, paddy and 'D' Category (upgradable) rice through Tender Sale.

Rehabilitation of employees of Super Bazar

1287. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close down the Super Bazar market chain in the country;

(b) if so, what are the circumstances leading to the closure of the common man's market;

(c) what is the estimated number of employees likely to be affected as a result; and

(d) what arrangements, if any, are proposed to be made rehabilitation of the affected employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.